



To: Brendan McCluskey, Chair,
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Subject: College Emergency Preparedness Initiative Funding for FY 2010
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Summary: The Consolidated Appropriations bill included \$7,000,000 to continue the Emergency Management Higher Education (EMHE) program in the Department of Education. This is the same amount requested by the President and recommended by both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Consolidated Appropriations Bill Passed Including Funding for Department of Education

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Senate passed the Conference Report on HR. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act FY 2010. It will be enrolled and sent to the President for signature. Six Appropriations bills were included in this "Omnibus" bill, including the FY 2010 Appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and related Agencies..

Higher Education Emergency Preparedness Initiative Funding for FY 2010

\$7,000,000 was included for the Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools for assistance to institutions of higher education—the Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) program. This was the amount requested by the President and was included by both the House and the Senate Appropriations Committees in their bills.

\$2, 237,000 was provided under Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services. The House Committee included \$3,000,000 and the Senate Committee included \$2,237,000.

The Conference report states:

The conference agreement includes \$40,000,000 for the School and College Emergency Preparedness initiative, including \$7,000,000 for assistance to institutions of higher education as proposed by both the House and Senate. Together with \$2,237,000 provided under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a total of \$42,237,000 will be available for this initiative. (Note: from page 1046 of Report)

The Department of Education portion of the Consolidated bill is Title III of Division D of the 1520 page Conference Report and begins on page 1046. The entire report can be accessed at http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_reports&docid=f:hr366.111.pdf.

For further information on Congressional intent, I am including the report language from the July House and Senate Appropriations Committees Reports on the FY 2010 Appropriations Bill for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (HR. 3293). You will notice the

reference to “preventing, preparing for, mitigating and responding to catastrophic events and other crises.”

In the House Committee Report (H.Report 111-220)

School and College Emergency Preparedness.—the Committee also continues its initiative to enhance school and college emergency preparedness planning. These activities assist school districts and colleges in preventing, preparing for, mitigating, and responding to catastrophic events and other crises. The Committee recommends a total of \$43,000,000 for this initiative—\$40,000,000 under the Department of Education and \$3,000,000 under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This amount includes \$33,000,000 for elementary and secondary education and \$10,000,000 for higher education, of which \$7,000,000 is provided under the Department of Education and \$3,000,000, is provided under SAMHSA.

In the SAMHSA portion of the report, the following language is included: Within this amount, the Committee intends that not less than \$84,860,000 be used to collaborate with the Department of Education for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative and not less than \$3,000,000 shall be used to continue a jointly funded initiative administered by the Department of Education and SAMHSA to support competitive grants to institutions of higher education to develop and implement emergency management plans for preventing campus violence, including assessing and addressing the mental health needs of students, and for responding to threats and incidents of violence or natural disaster in a manner that ensures the safety of the campus community.

In the Senate Appropriations Committee Report (S. Report 111-66)

The Committee includes \$7,000,000, the same as the budget request, for initiatives in emergency preparedness for institutions of higher education, such as: the dissemination of information about emergency management planning tailored to the needs of higher education; training, technical assistance, risk assessment and grant funding to IHEs to support emergency management and campus public safety agencies and programs on their campuses; the acquisition of software and hardware necessary to implement best practices in emergency planning and response; and other related activities.

Getting on the Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) list serve.

For those who want to know more about the Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) grant program, send an email to Tara.Hill@ed.gov that includes your Name, Institution Name, Preferred email address, and an indication that you would like to be added to the "EMHE Notification List."

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